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SUBJECT: EC NINE ON RECOGNITION OF NORTH VIETNAM

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1. RELIABLE FONOFF SOURCE TELLS US US DEMARCHES ON EVE
OF MARCH 16 EC NINE FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING MADE
"DRAMATIC IMPRESSION" ON BENELUX AND ITALIANS, ALL OF
WHOM, HE SAID, WERE READY TO MOVE IMMEDIATELY ON ESTABLISHMENT OF
RELATIONS WITH DRV. AS A RESULT OF US DEMARCHE, CARE-
FULLY DRAFTED EC NINE PRESS STATEMENT (REF A) LINKED
" QUESTION OF NORMALIZATION" TO " DUE RESPECT FOR THE
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AGREEMENTS OF JANUARY 27", BY INTRODUCING PHRASE ON NORMALIZATION WITH FORMULATION " IN THIS PRESPECTIVE". OUR SOURCE SAID BOTH FRG AND UK URGED AGAINST HASTE; FRG ALSO ARGUED AGAINST USE OF WORD " NORMALIZATION", BUT BENELUX AND ITALIANS HAD INSISTED.

2. FRENCH REP BETTENCOURT ARGUED THAT FRENCH IN " SPECIAL SITUATION" SINCE PARIS TRYING TO UPGRADE RELATIONS WITH BOTH SAIGON AND HANOI; BUT BETTENCOURT DID NOT SPECIFY FRENCH INTENTIONS. SCHMELZER SAID DUTCH MAY ANNOUNCE SHORTLY THAT " TALKS" ON ESTABLISHING RELATIONS WITH DRV WILL PROCEED, ON ASSUMPTION OF RESPECT BY ALL PARTIES FOR PARIS AGREEMENT, BUT SCHMELZER ALSO SPOKE OF " WEEKS OR MONTHS" BEFORE ACTUAL ESTABLISHMENT OF RELATIONS. OUR SOURCE SAID BELGIUM AND LUXEMBOURG FONMINS SPOKE OF ESTABLISHING RELATIONS " WITHIN THE SIXTY DAYS"; I. E. BY MARCH 28. SCHEEL HAD IMPRESSION THAT ITALIAN FONMIN MEDICI WAS UNDER STRONGEST PRESSURE OF ANY OF NINE TO ESTABLISH RELATIONS WITH DRV. HILLENBRAND

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